

**Louis S. Jacobson, Ph.D.**

Dr. Louis S. Jacobson is a senior labor economist with extensive experience in designing, managing, and executing large-scale evaluations of government programs. He has gained a national reputation for studies of the cost of worker dislocation and the effectiveness of Unemployment Insurance (UI), Job Service, and Trade Adjustment Assistance programs to offset those costs, as well as for estimating the returns to community college training for dislocated workers, and the ability of Pell Grants and UI to support training for dislocated and disadvantaged adults.

Dr. Jacobson has used experimental and nonexperimental techniques to develop accurate performance measures for the Employment Service and to analyze the effect of UI payroll taxes on firm behavior. He has also modeled the factors that affect the successful completion of the 2000 Census to select wage rates and set hiring requirements for local offices. As a member of the executive board of the Montgomery County Workforce Investment Board, Dr. Jacobson is working with state and local officials to establish a comprehensive performance measurement system for One-Stop services.

Dr. Jacobson has pioneered the analytic use of large person-level and firm-level data sets from payroll, UI claims, Social Security, and other administrative records. He has supervised the assembly of databases covering the activities of 1.2 million firms, 300,000 census enumerators, 60,000 Employment Service clients, and 300,000 UI claimants who attended community colleges. Dr. Jacobson has used similar data to study the effectiveness of employment and training programs for the economically disadvantaged, as well as the causes and consequences of employment growth and decline in Pennsylvania and New York and in the steel, auto, petroleum refining, and shipbuilding industries.